

AWARDS

ACVS FOUNDERS' AWARD FOR CAREER ACHIEVEMENT



Amy S. Kapatkin, DVM, MAS
Diplomate, ACVS

The ACVS membership selected Amy S. Kapatkin, DVM, MAS, Diplomate, ACVS, to receive the ACVS Founders' Award for Career Achievement. The award recognizes the service of an ACVS Diplomate distinguished by contributions to the development of surgical techniques and methodology and disseminating knowledge to colleagues, residents, and students.

Dr. Kapatkin was passionate from the start of her career about providing outstanding clinical care and serving as a mentor and role model for surgery residents and colleagues. She taught orthopedics in a didactic and clinical environment at the University of Pennsylvania and for the past 20 years at the University of California, Davis (UC Davis).

Dr. Kapatkin became a clinical expert in hip dysplasia, gait analysis, total hip replacement, and nonunion management. She gained international recognition for her work using bone morphogenetic protein-2 to manage nonunions and for publishing seminal research influencing sacroiliac luxation management. She taught over 200 courses in North America, Europe, and Asia, primarily with AO North America. Dr. Kapatkin has published research in biomechanical testing and gait analysis and has more than 80 peer-reviewed studies.

Dr. Kapatkin is an ACVS Founding Fellow in Joint Replacement Surgery.

Dr. Kapatkin mentored approximately 40 veterinary surgery residents and coordinated a long-term succession plan at UC Davis. As an outstanding orthopedic clinician, she played a key role in developing the new UC Davis outpatient surgical center with state-of-the-art operating rooms.

Dr. Kapatkin was an ACVS regent and liaison to the Resident Credentialing and Public Relations Committees, represented ACVS on AVMA's American Board of Veterinary Specialties and the Veterinary Specialty Organizations Committee. As chair of the AO VET North America Education Committee and as president of AO North America, Dr. Kapatkin has been instrumental in efforts to increase diversity in veterinary orthopedic education as the first veterinarian and first woman to lead AO North America.

"Dr. Amy Kapatkin epitomizes the standards of ACVS, dedicating her career to shaping countless surgeons through her clinical acumen and mentorship."

—Anna M. Massie, DVM, DACVS (Small Animal)

The ACVS Founders' Award for Career Achievement was established to recognize the service of ACVS Diplomates who have distinguished themselves in the pursuit of surgery by making significant contributions to the development of surgical techniques and methodology, and disseminating knowledge to colleagues, residents, and students.